

A LETTER to a Friend, upon the Dissolution of the Late Parliament, and the Calling of a New One.

Together with a LIST of those that were against making the Prince and Princesses of Orange, King and Queen.

A I do fully acquiesce in the Wisdom and Authority of the King in his dissolving of the late Parliament. So I'm perfectly persuaded, that he did it upon motives relating to his own Honour, and to the Safety and Happiness of his People, and not in Subserviency to any *Arbitrary Design*; nor to please himself with an *Exercise of Regal Power*. And I will venture to say, that nothing could have induced him, so abruptly, as well as unexpectedly, to have dissolved a Parliament, that first advanced him unto, and then by so many free and vast Contributions, endeavour'd to support him in the Throne, but the finding them unserviceable to the Union of Protestants, the vindicating of our Laws and Liberties, and the punishing of those who had subverted our Constitution, which as they are the only Justifiable Grounds, both of his coming hither, and of his accepting the Royal Authority; so nothing less than the pursuing those Ends, can vindicate his descent into England from being an *Unrighteous Invasion*; and his ascending the British Throne, from the Reproach of an *Ambitious Usurpation*. How could a Prince of his Integrity and Wisdom think that the obtaining and wearing of a Crown was honourable and just, while the Reasons upon which he received and possessed it, were not only controuled, and reproached, but exposed and ridiculed? Nor is it possible for His Majesty to believe, that the Late King was so heinously guilty, as to forfeit all right to Sovereignty, while those who advised him unto, and were the *Ministers* of all his *misgovernment*, whom the Law makes chiefly, if not only accountable, were esteemed Guiltless and Innocent. He could not but foresee, that the *Abdication* of King James is easily Reversible, and that he himself holds his Crown very precariously, if there were nothing to justify the *Embroning* the one, and the *De-throning* the other, but the hasty and Arbitrary Vote of the Majority of the Two Houses. And he must needs look upon all that was alledged, concerning the Late King's violating the *Original Contract*, and his subverting the Laws of the Constitution, as Fiction and Dream, while there were none to be found, that counselled him unto, or assisted him in it.

And as this justifies the Wisdom of His Majesty in the dissolving of the late Parliament, so we may from hence easily conclude, both upon what prospect and hope he hath been pleased to call a *New One*, and by what measures those to whom the right of Electing Members doth belong, are to guide themselves in the Ensuing

Choice. Nor do we only want a Parliament that may confirm, establish, and support His Majesty in the Throne, but which may proceed on those Principles, as does render his Accession to it necessary, as well as honourable and just. And as the Nation is once more furnished with an opportunity of choosing such a *Representative Body*, as may vindicate and assert its Ancient *Laws, Rights and Liberties*; so there is a fresh advantage offered us, of testifying our Loyalty to his present Majesty, and of promoting his Greatness, as well as of providing for our own future safety. I need not tell you, that the Ends to be proposed in the Service of those who are to be Elected, are, that Your Throne may be settled upon firm and righteous Foundations; and that all His Majesty's Subjects may live at ease and unity under His Government. 'Tis therefore first incumbent upon all wise and honest Men, that they elect such to represent them, as may both allow and confirm unto the King all the Ancient and Legal Rights of the Crown, and yet at the same time recover and secure all those Privileges unto the People, which the invading and wresting from them, gave occasion unto, and can alone justify the late Revolution. Whosoever seeks to enrich the King with the Spoils of his Subjects, and so adorn them with what our Late Monarch ravished from them, can design no less, than that the same Fate should befall him, which overtook his Predecessor; which is the robbing him first of his People's Affections, and then of his own Authority. *2dly*, 'Tis no less the Duty, than it is the Interest of all that would have the Nation formidable to its Enemies, and the King successful in his Undertakings, that they depurate and authorize those to act for them in Parliament, who without subverting or undermining the Church, may not only preserve unto Dissenters, that Liberty vouchsafed unto them for worshipping God; but who may restore them unto, and vest them in, all the Common Rights and Privileges of *Englishmen*. Nor will it be easy to persuade to great a Company of People, that they find their account in the late Revolution, unless they be admitted by Law to enjoy the same Advantages under the present King, which by dispensing with, and an usurpation over the Law, they were possessed of under the last. *3dly*, We are to esteem them the fittest of all others, to be returned to serve in the Ensuing Parliament, who are likeliest to maintain in our *Alles* a confidence of us, and to encourage them both to continue the *Confederacy*, and to pursue the Ends of it. And therefore as we would not give jealous

lonely unto them, and weaken the Union amongst themselves, and with us, we ought to avoid the chusing of those that have heretofore promoted the Grandeur of France, or that have either sought the Destruction of the Dutch, or expressed a malice and rancour towards them. 4thly, As we would not betray both the King and our selves, we are to chuse none but such who are intirely in his Majesty's, and in the Kingdom's interest; Which as it is impossible to believe of them, who acknowledge him only a King in Fact, but not by Right: so it is not easie to conceive how they should be forward and zealous to support him in the Throne, who opposed his coming to it. The Enemies to King James's Abdication are not like to be true and lasting Friends to King William's Sovereignty. In short, it is the duty of all that love the present Establishment, to be against

those, whom you find them to be for, that refuse to swear Allegiance to their present Majesties. Nor are they worthy of the Vote of an honest Man, who are not satisfied with the Protection of the Royal Power, unless they have both the mastery of it, and the exerting and applying of it to the oppression of their Fellow-Subjects. 'Tis not a King, but a Tool under that name, which they desire. And instead of allowing him to be the Universal, and Equal Ruler of all His People, they seek to reduce and degrade him to be the Head of a little and Peevish Faction. Which that His Majesty may be preserved from all Temptations unto, through the wise Choice of those that are to sit in the following Parliament, is the unfeigned desire of,

Sir,

Your humble Servant.

Berks	Robert Bjerly	Hen. Berry	Hen. Pooley
Lord Norris. +	George Morland.	Sir Jm Doyley. +	Sir Robert Davers
Buckingham.	Gloucestershire	Rutland	Sir Thomas Harbry.
Sir Ralph Verney. X	Will. Cook	Sir Tho. Mackworth.	Surry.
Cambr.	Tho. Master	Salop	John Weston
X Sir Levinus Kenmet	Sir Fra. Russell. +	Edw. Kynaston	White Tichburn. +
X Sir Robert Cotton	Herefordshire.	Andrew Newport	Suffex.
X Sir Robert Sawyer.	Hen. Cornwall.	Sir Fran. Edwards	X Sir William Morley
Cornwall	Huntingtonshire	Sir Edw. Aston	John Alford
X Sir Bourcher Wrey	John Bigg. +	George Weld.	Charles Goring Jun.
Fran. Roberts	Kent	Somerset	Will. Morley.
Sir John St. Aubin	X Sir John Banks	Sir Rich. Hart	Warwickshire.
Charles Godolphin	Sir John Twisden	Sir John Knights	Sir Richard Verney +
X Nich. Glynn	Caleb Banks. +	Edw. Berkley	Sir Roger Cave
John Tappin	Lancashire	Sir Will. Besser	Lord Digby
Alexander Pendarvis	Fran. Cholmondeley +	Sir Will. Portman	William Colemore
James Praed	Sir Edw. Chisnall.	John Sandford. +	Westmorland.
John Rolfeleigh	Leicestershire	Sir Francis Warr	Richard Lowther
Fran. Vivian	Sir Tho. Halford	Francis Lutterel	William Cheyne
John Specot	Tho. Babington.	Nathan. Palmer	Wiltshire.
Sir Jas. Tredentham	Lincolnshire	Sir Edw. Windham	Lord Cornbury
Hen. Symor	X Charles Bert. c.	Will. Helyar	X Robert Hyde.
Sir John Corison	X Sir John Brownlow.	John Hunt	Richard Lewis
John Prideaux	Middlesex	Tho. Sanders.	Peregrine Bertj
Cumberland.	Sir Charles Gerard	Southampton.	Henry Chivers
X Sir Christ. Musgrave.	Ralph Hawtrey.	Franc. Morley	Walter Grubb
Derby	Monmouth	X Sir Benj. Newland	Charles Fox
John Coker.	X Marq. of Worcester.	Sir Robert Holms	Sir Edm. Warnford X
Devonshire	Norfolk	X Earl of Ranelagh	John Dean
Sir Edw. Seymour	X Sir Will. Cook	X Thomas Done	Sir John Erle
Christo. Bale	Sir Nevill Catlyn	X Franc. Guin	Sir George Willoughby.
Sir John Fowell	Sir John Turner	X William Estrick	Worcestershire
Rawlin Mallack	Sir Fran. Guyben.	John Pollen.	Henry Parker
William Cary	Northamptonshire	Staffordshire.	Sir John Matthews.
Henry Northleigh	Edw. Montague. X	John Gray.	Yorkshire
Sir Arthur Chichester	Gilbert Dolben	X Robert Burdet	Earl of Danby
Edm. Walrond X	Sir Justinian Isham. +	John Cherwind	X Sir John Jennings
X Will. Hayn	Lord Wenman. X	X Sir Henry Gough.	Christopher Tancred.
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X Tho. Strangways	X Philip Brickstaff	Sir John Rous X	Derby
John Pole	Sir Ralph Car	X Sir John Barker	Sir Rich. Maddleson
Sir Robert Nappier +	Roger Fenwick.	X Tho. Glemham Q.	Edward Brehon.
X Edw. Nicholas	Nottingham	X Sir Hen. Johnson	Glamorgan
X Rich. Fowns	Lord Eland.	X William Johnson	Thomas Mansell
X Will. Okefen.	Oxon	Sir John Poley	Pembroke
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Will. Lampton	X Sir Tho. Clarges		